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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff's Motion to Solicit Comments from
Utilities and Other Interested Stakeholders Regarding Measures to be Taken to
Mitigate Impact of Threats to Safe and Reliable Utility Service;
Docket No.: 2021-66-A

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As you are aware, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") opened the above-referenced docket relating to a request from Governor Henry McMaster for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to undertake a comprehensive review of the state's public and private power grid in order to evaluate its ability to withstand potential ice storms and other dangerous winter weather conditions. ORS and the third-party consultant Guidehouse, Inc. ("Guidehouse") have completed the requested review; a final report issued by ORS and Guidehouse was filed with the Commission on Friday, December 31, 2021.

The recommendations in the report included, among other things: 1) the formation of a task force to evaluate the voluntary adoption of practices comparable to those in Texas; 2) collaboration among and between electric and natural gas utility providers to develop emergency preparedness and operating practice guidelines; 3) participation in adverse winter weather emergency drills; and 4) an assessment of the interdependencies between electric power and other key infrastructure.

By this letter, ORS respectfully requests that any electric utility, natural gas utility, and any other interested party, may file their comments and feedback on the recommendations contained within the report in the above-captioned docket on or before March 31, 2022. ORS further requests that these entities state in their responsive comments whether they are willing to serve on the task force described in the final report and, if so, identify their preferred point of contact.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record in this docket.

Sincerely,

s/ Nicole M. Hair
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